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Acting Director of Personnel  
Office of Strategic Services  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Reference is made to your letter of September 8, 1943, addressed to Mr. Charles J. Benner, Retirement Division, and relating to a formal policy statement concerning certain types of exempt appointments authorized under the provisions of the National War Agencies Appropriation Act, 1944 (Public Law 139, 78th Congress, July 12, 1943) to appoint personnel without regard to laws and regulations.

Inasmuch as your office will prepare letters of appointment as well as changes in status and any other personnel action that may apply to employees appointed under the above quoted authority and the understanding that when such employees are returned to a regular employment status records of "secret" employment will be available, the Commission acquiesces in your request that retirement deductions be not made so long as such employees are classified and appointed under the provisions stated in your letter.

However, such employees would appear to retain their eligibility for disability retirement benefits during the excepted service and they should be advised that for the period of their "secret" employment they will be required to deposit mandatory retirement deductions if and when they return to regular employment status. Your office should then take steps to have the necessary applications of such employees for service credit filed so that their retirement status may not be affected.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Lewis H. Fisher  
Chief, Retirement Division